(e) So that the office may have a more competent Manager. Government regret that the correspondence cannot be placed on the table.

(f) No.

(g) Six years three months; in Chingam 1110.

(h) He was in the compilation section in the Comptroller's Office in charge of reconciliation of departmental figures and was also in charge of certain ledgers.

(i) He is a Graduate and has passed the account test.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Who was the Manager after Mr. Sankara Menon gave charge and Mr. Panikkar was appointed?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Mr. C. Gopalan.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Why was he succeeded by Mr. Panikkar?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The answer is already there.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon—Has there been any report from the Chairman that Mr. Gopalan was not up to the mark?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—Yes.

Undertaking of Municipal contract works by Municipal Councillor.

69. Mr. C. S. Viswanatha Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) has it ever been brought to the notice of the Chairman of the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality that a certain Councillor undertakes contract works of the Municipality;

(b) if so, who brought it to the notice of the Chairman;

(c) did the Chairman make any enquiries into that allegation;

(d) is it not against the rules for a member of the Council to take contract works under the Municipality;

(e) if enquiries were made what was the result of such enquiries;

(f) if the allegation was found to be baseless, was any action taken against the person making such an allegation;

(g) if not, why not?

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Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Municipal Overseer and by means of a pseudonimous petition.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) The Councillor denied the allegation against him.

(f) No.

(g) No action was thought necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The question is "If enquiries were made what was the result of such enquiries" and the answer given is "The Councillor denied the allegation against him". Is that the answer?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The enquiry was recorded.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What was the result of the enquiry, whether the allegations were false or not?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The result of the enquiry is that the petition had to be recorded.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—I submit that all petitions will have to be recorded later on. My question is if the allegations were found to be baseless was any action taken against the person who made such allegations? Here the person who made the allegations happens to be an officer and the allegations are made against a man who does honorary work.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It was not considered that any further action than recording it was necessary.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—The question is did the Government consider it necessary to take any action, seeing that the allegations were baseless?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—I have answered that question.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—From whom was the councillor taking the contract? If it is from the Municipality it will be known to the Municipality.

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The councillor has been denying that he had been taking any contract at all.

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Dr. A. R. Menon.—The officer made allegations against a councillor and the Government were satisfied that the allegations were false. This is a serious matter because the allegations are made by a paid servant against an honorary worker. May I know why no action was taken against the officer?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—The matter was not considered so serious as to require any action.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the idea of the Government that an officer of the municipality making false allegations against a councillor is not a serious matter?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—In the particular circumstances of this case they thought that it was not a matter to be pursued any further. So as usual it was recorded.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—What are the special features in this case which made the Government to come to that conclusion?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— Government cannot divulge all these features.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—Is it the policy of the Government not to take any action when a paid officer makes false allegations against a councillor?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—There is no question of policy involved in this matter. The Councillor did not want to take any further action against the petitioner. He was content with the application being recorded.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—May I know what is exactly meant by the word 'Record'?

Mr. President.—Recording means that no further action is necessary.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it destroying it?

Mr. President.—It will be destroyed some years after.

Trenching Ground in Laloor.

70. Mr. T. S. Balarama Ayyar.— Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether their attention has been drawn to the nuisance caused by the 'Dumping Ground' in Laloor, especially in the rainy season to the residents near by and to the travellers who have to go that way;

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